

RESOLUTIONS
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF CONNECTICUT,

IN FAVOR

*Of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific, on the plan proposed
by Mr. Whitney.*

DECEMBER 20, 1847.

Ordered to be printed.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *May Session, 1847.*

Whereas the construction of a railroad across the continent of North America would make the United States the great thoroughfare between Europe and the populous and wealthy empires of Asia, would greatly facilitate our own intercourse with these regions, would tend to consolidate our Union, and to give a fresh impulse to our great agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests; and whereas so stupendous a work can only be accomplished under the patronage of the general government, and the public lands are a fund peculiarly appropriate for defraying the expense of such an undertaking, as a small portion of them would furnish the necessary means, and the value of the remainder would be greatly enhanced thereby; and whereas, in our opinion, the plan of Mr. Asa Whitney, of New York, in its great outlines, is the only practicable scheme for the accomplishment of this grand undertaking: Therefore,

1. *Resolved by this Assembly,* That we cordially approve of the great features of the plan of Mr. Whitney, for the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean from the avails of a portion of the public lands; and we earnestly recommend the measure to the favorable consideration of the general government.

2. *Resolved,* That the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to give this plan their prompt attention and support.

3. *Resolved,* That his excellency the governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the executive of each State in the Union, and a like copy to the Senators and members of the

House of Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States.

Senate, May 25, 1847.—Passed.

J. H. HOLCOMB, *Clerk.*

House of Representatives, May 25, 1847.—Passed.

F. BACON, *Clerk.*

Approved, May 26, 1847.

C. BISSELL.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,

Hartford, July 30, 1847.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of record in this office.

JOHN B. ROBERTSON,

Secretary of State.